Implementation of Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme

3643. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some States and Union territories are not implementing the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme;

(b) if so, the names of those States and Union Territories;

(c) whether there is a need to include some more crops like cotton, sugarcane, fruits and other agricultural crops under the scheme; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names of States and Union Territories which presently not implementing the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) are Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh, Chandigarh, Dadar and Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Delhi and Lakshadweep.

(c) and (d) In view of the requests of the implementing States/Union Territories since implementation of the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) the need to include some more crops like cotton, sugarcane, fruits and horticultural crops under the Scheme has been felt. But, in view of heavy losses incurred so far by Central and State Governments in running the CCIS, it has not been considered feasible to include any other crops under the OCIS. However, due to pressing demands idea of the Government is to gain some more experience in respect of the crops which are presently covered under the CCIS. However, due to p ressing demands of a number of States, the matter regarding inclusion of sugarcane & cotton under the CCIS has been referred for advice to the Standing Advisory Committee constituted recently in the Ministry of Agriculture.

Fishing Harbour Project at Paradeep

3644. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have not yet set up the fishing harbour project at Paradeep in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the project would be completed during the current financial year; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to expedite the construction work ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) to (c) The Fishery Harbour Project at Paradeep was sanctioned in February 1990 and is expected to be completed in four years.

(d) In order to expedite progress on the project, construction work would be monitored by a Monitoring Committee under the Government of India.

Quota of Reservation of Berths/Seats in Trains leaving from Delhi

3645. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railway Board controls some quota of reservation of berths and seats in each train in each class leaving New Delhi/Delhi/Nizamuddin;

(b) if so, the details thereof, trian-wise and class-wise;

(c) whether some norms have been laid down to deal with the requests of reservation received in Board's office;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the staff dealing with reservation are being transferred on rotational basis: and

(f) if so, the details thereof with tenure of such staff and if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) and (b)

A limited number of berths on trains originating from or passing through stations in the Delhi area has been earmarked as emergency quota for dealing with High Official Requisitions and other emergent requests. This quota is jointly controlled by Ministry of Railways and Northern Railway. The number of berths against this quota varies from train to train depending upon the total number of reserved berths available at any particular time, the number of trains run for the same destination, the demand from other sectors viz. Defence, Foreign Tourists, Parliament, etc.

(c) and (d) The emergency quota is normally released taking into account factors like status of the passenger travelling, nature of urgency of travel like bereavement sickness in the family, etc.

(e) and (f) No, Sir. The work relating to release of emergency quota is a specialised job and does not require dealing with cash.

Reservation Quota of Berths and Seats of the Minister

3646. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work of providing reservation of berths and seats from Railway Board's quota has been handled by Personal staff of the Minister in the past;

(b) whether such arangement was made to avoid any chance of manipulation and favouritism by staff dealing with this work;

(c) whether Government propose to revive the same practice; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Action Plan to clear Housing Backlog in Delhi

3647. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently drawn up three pronged action Programme to clear housing back-log in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c whether Government propose to ensure that registrants with DDA under various schemes are allotted flats within a span of two years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to implement the same ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) Delhi Administration has taken up the formulation of a plan to augment housing for inclusion in the Eighth Five Year Plan and implementation during the Plan period.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

Raids on the premises of edible oil manufacturers

3648. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government in its efforts agianst hoarding and blackmarketing have recently conducted some raids on the premises of edible oil manufacturers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these raids have in anyway improved the availability of essential commodities in the market;

(d) whether these raids have also helped to control the rising prices of essential commodities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Recently searches and surveys on the premises of manufacturers and dealers of edible oils were made in terms of the provisions of Income Tax Act, at several places in the country. As per information available so far, 263 searches/surveys were conducted. Excess stock of oil of Rs. 33.04